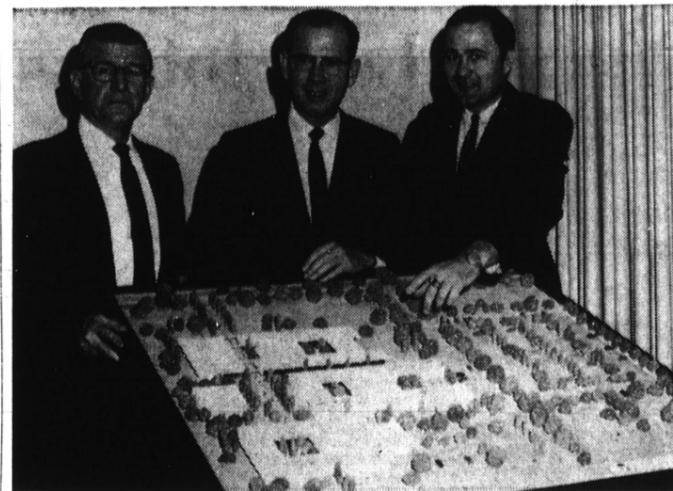


Freedom of Information Bill Before Legislature

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 SACRAMENTO—A bill designed to remove the mystery surrounding the definition of public records and making them available to the press and public has been introduced in the legislature by Assemblyman William T. Bagley (R-San Rafael).
 Bagley, chairman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, said the bill is the result of four months of concentrated study by the assembly advisory committee on public records.
 Bagley described the proposed act as "equivalent in importance to all the opening meeting laws, including the Ralph M. Brown Act."

increasingly complex, much of the people's business is carried on by administrators within public agencies," Bagley said. "No longer does attendance at public meetings alone insure an informed body politic."
 "Written in 1877, the current laws granting the right to inspect and copy public records relate to the admissibility of evidence in judicial proceedings but do not define the public policy involved," he said.
 "THE LEGISLATION applies to every level of government and removes the mystery surrounding the definition of public records," Bagley said. "As fundamental

public policy, the bill states: 'access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business is a fundamental and necessary right of every citizen on this state.'
 The bill is written to be all inclusive but exempts certain kinds of records from disclosures. They include records involved in litigation, in order to protect the work product of the public attorney; personnel and medical files which would invade the individual's personal privacy; trade secrets which deprive a business of certain competitive advantages; data relating to oil and mineral findings; and records specifically exempted from the records act by other statutes.



FUTURE PLANS . . . Dr. Robert Bersi (right) assistant to the president of Dominguez Hills State College, outlines for Mayor John Marbut (left) and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn plans for full development of the campus. Hahn said the local college "has the potential to become one of the finest educational institutions in the West." The supervisor is a former instructor of American Government at Pepperdine College and holds a master's degree in education from USC.

County Building Sets New Record

A 13-year record for construction activity was broken during March in Los Angeles County, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.
 Areas in Chace's Fourth Supervisorial District played a major role in establishing a countywide March record of \$55 million. The old high of \$51.9 million was set in 1955.
 The \$55 million in building permits issued was for incorporated areas or cities served by the County Engineer's Department.
 THE LOMITA office, which also serves the Palos Verdes Peninsula, posted more than \$2 million in building activity. The branch office is one of the leaders in permits issued for 1968.
 "Public works played a role in pushing the building figures to a record high," Chace said.
 He pointed out that permits were taken for a \$1.9 million addition to the Long Beach County Court Building and a \$1.5 million Malibu Administrative Center.
 PERMITS issued for the unincorporated area around Lomita and on the Peninsula were valued at \$2,141,762. There were 193 permits taken out.
 Activity also was brisk in other areas in the Fourth District.
 The new city of Carson reported 176 permits issued for \$1,371,126 in construction. Of this total, 79 are tract homes valued at \$1.2 million.

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